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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CRISES IN NEW GOVERNMENT

1. THE NEW THREE-PARTY COALITION HEADED BY JUSTICE PARTY (JP)  
CHAIRMAN DEMIREL SUFFERED TWO SET-BACKS IN ITS FIRST 24 HOURS  
IN OFFICE. THE FIRST CAME WHEN JP SENATOR KAMRAN INAN REFUSED  
TO ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT AS MINISTER OF ENERGY. INAN'S DECISION  
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WAS COMMUNICATED TO DEMIREL WITHIN A FEW HOURS OF THE ANNOUNCE-  
MENT OF THE CABINET. INAN'S SUBSEQUENT ABSENCE FROM THE FIRST  
CABINET MEETING WAS NOTED BY OBSERVERS AND RUMORS OF A GOVERN-  
MENT CRISIS--NOURISHED BY OPPOSITION HOPES--RAPIDLY SPREAD  
THROUGHOUT ANKARA.

2. THE SECOND SETBACK CAME WHEN JP DEPUTY ORHAN ALP ANNOUNCED

MORNING OF JULY 22 HE WOULD NOT VOTE FOR THE COALITION GOVERNMENT. ALP, WHO WAS MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS IN DEMIREL'S FIRST GOVERNMENT (1965-69), TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE COULD NOT IN GOOD CONSCIENCE VOTE FOR A GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD NOT SERVE THE COUNTRY WELL AND WHICH WOULD BE DAMAGING TO THE PARTY. HE WAS PARTICULARLY CRITICAL OF THE NUMBER OF "OLD FACES" AMONG THE JP MEMBERS OF THE CABINET.

3. COMMENT: THE IMPACT OF THESE TWO INCIDENTS IS NOT CLEAR. AT THE MOMENT IT APPEARS THAT INAN HAS SIMPLY REFUSED TO SERVE AS MINISTER OF ENERGY (REPORTEDLY BECAUSE IT'S NOT IN HIS AREA OF COMPETENCE-- AND BECAUSE HE WANTED TO BE FOREIGN MINISTER). HE HAS NOT, AS OF NOW, ANNOUNCED OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNMENT. IF HE SHOULD DECIDE TO DO SO, HIS OPPOSITION COULD BE SIGNIFICANT. AS AN OUTSPOKEN AND RESPECTED MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT--AND ONE OF TURKEY'S BEST KNOWN KURDS--INAN HAS A PERSONAL FOLLOWING WHICH, IF TURNED AGAINST THE COALITION, COULD THREATEN THE THIN MARGIN IT NOW HOLDS IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. SUCH A COURSE WOULD BE A RISKY ONE FOR INAN AND UNLESS SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNMENT SURFACES WITHIN THE PARTY, WE DOUBT INAN WILL TAKE A CHANCE ON A POSSIBLY LOSING PROPOSITION.

4. ALP'S DECISION IS A SURPRISE. HE HAS GENERALLY BEEN CONSIDERED SOMEWHAT OF A POLITICAL HACK WHO IS NOT POSSESSED OF EITHER HIGH INTELLIGENCE OR POLITICAL COURAGE. THE DECISION TO OPPOSE THE GOVERNMENT IS APPARENTLY HIS ALONE. CONFIDENTIAL

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HE TOLD EMBOFF HE IS NOT ACTING IN CONCERT WITH ANYBODY ELSE. THE EFFECT OF HIS ACTION IS DIFFICULT TO GAUGE. HE HAS NO PERSONAL FOLLOWING WITHIN THE PARTY. NEVERTHELESS, IF OTHER JP DEPUTIES SHARE HIS UNHAPPINESS, ALP MAY BE PROVIDING THEM A BAND WAGON TO JUMP ON.

5. IN SUMMARY, ALTHOUGH THESE TWO INCIDENTS MAY BE SERIOUS, IT SEEMS EQUALLY LIKELY AT THIS POINT THAT THEY MAY PASS WITHOUT DOING SERIOUS DAMAGE TO DEMIREL'S CHANCES OF WINNING A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. BUT EVEN IF THEY DO THEY WILL HAVE EXPOSED THE UNCERTAIN FOUNDATION UPON WHICH DEMIREL HAS BUILT HIS COALITION. SPIERS

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